

In the Specification:

Please **delete** the paragraph at **page 4, lines 2 to 11.**

Please **add** a new paragraph at **page 4, above line 12** as follows:

The above objects have been achieved according to the invention in a method for preparing fuel for a high temperature fuel cell, by the combination of the following steps:

- (a) providing a liquid hydrocarbon fuel,
- (b) collecting and preparing waste water to provide prepared waste water suitable for use in said high temperature fuel cell,
- (c) emulsifying said liquid hydrocarbon fuel with said prepared waste water to provide an emulsion,
- (d) feeding, directly following said emulsifying step, said emulsion through a gap (16) between two concentric pipes, one pipe being connected to an anode of a d.c. power source while the other pipe is connected to a cathode of said d.c. power source, and
- (e) electrolytically cracking, in said gap, molecular bindings of organic compounds of said emulsion for preparing said fuel.

Please **replace** the subheading at **page 7, line 4** with a replacement subheading amended as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ~~DRAWINGS~~ DRAWING

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 8 line 21 to page 9 line 2**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

Downstream of the desulfurization process with the catalyst 2 a thermal cracking process 3 takes place in a separate housing 3A which is also contained in the enclosure 4 of the fuel cell 10. Here again the thermal energy available in the high temperature fuel cell 10 is used for cracking the emulsified fuel. In addition to the thermal energy provided by the fuel cell 10, the pressure generated by the dosing pumps 6 and 7 and a catalyst are used for cracking the emulsified fuel.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 10 line 22 to page 11 line 2**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The emulsifying station with its container 1 is preferably equipped with an emergency shut-off (ES) especially for the fuel pump 6. The precracking or removal of the molecular bindings in the emulsion in station 16 should take place at a voltage of about 10 volts between the concentrically arranged pipes that perform the gap-electrolysis. This voltage may be available directly ~~[[from]]~~ at respective terminals of the high temperature fuel cell 10.

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